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S. 1844

To authorize a pilot program for purchasing buses by public transit authorities that are recipients of assistance or grants from the Federal Transit Administration.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

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Mr. BINGAMAN (for himself and Mr. DOMENICI) introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Public Transit Author-
5 ity Pilot Procurement Authorization Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 (a) **HEAVY-DUTY TRANSIT BUS.**—The term “heavy-
8 duty transit bus” has the same meaning given that term
9 in the American Public Transportation Association Stand-

1 and Procurement Guideline Specifications, dated March
 2 25, 1999 and July 3, 2001, and as contained in the Gen-
 3 eral Services Administration Solicitation FFAH-B1-
 4 002272-N.

5 (b) INTERCITY COACH.—The term “intercity coach”
 6 has the meaning given that term in the General Services
 7 Administration Solicitation FFAH-B1-002272-N, sec-
 8 tion 1-4B, Amendment number 2, dated June 6, 2000.

9 **SEC. 3. PILOT PROGRAM FOR SALE TO PUBLIC TRANSIT**

10 **AUTHORITIES.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Federal Transit Administra-
 12 tion of the Department of Transportation shall carry out
 13 a pilot program to facilitate and accelerate the procure-
 14 ment of heavy-duty transit buses and intercity coaches by
 15 State, local, and regional transportation authorities that
 16 are recipients of Federal Transit Administration assist-
 17 ance or grants where Federal funds provide the majority
 18 of the funding for the bus procurement, through existing
 19 or new or modified contracts with the General Services
 20 Administration. The transit authorities shall obtain Fed-
 21 eral Transit Administration approval prior to placement
 22 of orders.

23 (b) REOPENING OF SOLICITATION FOR HEAVY-DUTY
 24 TRANSIT AND INTERCITY COACHES.—Notwithstanding
 25 any other provision of law or Federal regulation, the Gen-

1 eral Services Administration Solicitation FFAH-B1-
2 002272-N shall be reopened to all qualified heavy-duty
3 transit bus and intercity coach manufacturing companies
4 to bid for contracts to sell such buses and coaches to
5 State, local, and regional transportation authorities that
6 are recipients of Federal Transit Administration assist-
7 ance or grants where Federal funds provide the majority
8 of the funding for the bus procurement.

9 (c) MODIFICATIONS OF EXISTING GSA CON-
10 TRACTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision of law or
11 Federal regulation, heavy-duty transit bus manufacturing
12 companies and intercity coach manufacturing companies
13 who have existing contracts awarded by the General Serv-
14 ices Administration under Solicitation FFAH-B1-
15 002272-N prior to the date of enactment of this Act, shall
16 be allowed to modify or restructure their bids incorporated
17 in such contracts to respond to prospective sales of heavy-
18 duty transit buses and intercity coaches to State, local,
19 and regional transportation authorities that are recipients
20 of Federal Transit Administration assistance or grants
21 where Federal funds provide the majority of the funding
22 for the bus procurement.

23 (d) AUTHORITY TO PURCHASE FROM EXISTING AND
24 NEW CONTRACTS.—Notwithstanding any other provision
25 of law or Federal regulation, State, local, and regional

1 transportation authorities that are recipients of Federal
 2 Transit Administration assistance or grants where Fed-
 3 eral funds provide the majority of the funding for the bus
 4 procurement are authorized to purchase heavy-duty tran-
 5 sit buses and intercity coaches from—

6 (1) existing contracts;

7 (2) existing contracts as modified pursuant to
 8 subsection (c); and

9 (3) new contracts awarded by the General Serv-
 10 ices Administration under the original or reopened
 11 Solicitation FFAH-B1-002272-N.

12 (e) TERMINATION.—The pilot program carried out
 13 under this Act shall terminate on December 31, 2006.

14 **SEC. 4. ESTABLISHMENT OF MULTIPLE AWARD SCHEDULE**
 15 **BY GSA.**

16 Not later than December 31, 2003, the General Serv-
 17 ices Administration, with assistance from and consultation
 18 with, the Federal Transit Administration, shall establish
 19 and publish a multiple award schedule for heavy-duty
 20 transit buses and intercity coaches which shall permit
 21 Federal agencies and State, regional, or local transpor-
 22 tation authorities that are recipients of Federal Transit
 23 Administration assistance or grants where Federal funds
 24 provide the majority of the funding for the bus procure-
 25 ment, or other ordering entities, to acquire heavy-duty

1 transit buses and intercity motor coaches under those
2 schedules.

3 **SEC. 5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Administrator of the Federal
5 Transit Administration and the Administrator of General
6 Services shall submit a joint report quarterly, in writing,
7 to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Af-
8 fairs of the Senate, and the Committee on Transportation
9 and Infrastructure of the House of Representatives.

10 (b) CONTENTS.—The report required to be submitted
11 under subsection (a) shall describe, with specificity—

12 (1) all measures being taken to accelerate the
13 processes authorized under this Act, including esti-
14 mates on the effect of this Act on job retention in
15 the bus and intercity coach manufacturing industry;

16 (2) job creation in the bus and intercity coach
17 manufacturing industry as a result of the authorities
18 provided under this Act; and

19 (3) bus and intercity coach manufacturing eco-
20 nomic growth in those States and localities that have
21 participated in the pilot program to be carried out
22 under this Act.

1 **SEC. 6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAW.**

2 Except as otherwise specifically provided in this Act,
3 this Act shall be carried out in accordance with all applica-
4 ble Federal transit laws and requirements.

